



## Grants & Funding: Show Me the Money!



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### Where do I find information?

- IDNR website <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov>
- On IDNR's home page, click on "Online Services"
- Then, click on "Grants"

### Park & Recreation Facility Construction (PARC)

- Local units of governments
- \$150 million total; \$50 million awarded October, 2011
- Bondable acquisition and development
- 75-90% reimbursement
- Cap: 10% of awarded funds
- Application deadline: varies

### Open Space Lands Acquisition & Development (OSLAD)

- Local units of government
- \$11 million awarded May, 2011
- Acquisition and development
- 50% reimbursement
- \$750,000 cap on acquisition; \$400,000 on development
- Application deadline: July 1

### Boat Access Area Development

- Local units of government
- \$725,000 awarded March, 2009
- Acquisition and development
- 100% reimbursement on development; 90% on acquisition
- \$200,000 cap
- Application deadline: September 1

### Bicycle Path

- Local units of government
- \$3 million awarded November, 2007
- Acquisition and development
- 50% reimbursement
- \$200,000 cap on development; no cap on acquisition
- Application deadline: March 1

### Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

- Federal program
- Units of government and non-profit organizations
- \$5 million for FFY10 (SFY11)
- Acquisition, development and equipment
- 80% reimbursement
- \$200,000 cap on development; no cap on acquisition
- Application deadline: March 1

### Local Government Snowmobile

- Local units of government
- \$117,000 awarded December, 2010
- Acquisition, development and equipment
- 50% reimbursement on development; 90% on acquisition
- No cap
- Application deadline: May 1

## Urban & Community Forestry

- Local units of government; government/non-profit co-op
- \$200,000 will be awarded in 2012
- Planning, training, tree planting, etc.
- 50% reimbursement
- Cap: 5% of awarded funds
- Application deadline: To be announced

## General Procedures

- Grants are competitively awarded; merit based
- Applications are reviewed/scored
- Programs cannot be combined
- In-kind contributions generally ineligible
- Shovel-ready projects preferred
- Match must be secured
- Award good for limited period

## Keys to Success

- Local planning and public participation
- Population served
- Need/significance
- Physical attributes
- Natural resources
- No negatives
- Persistence

## George Rogers Clark Discovery Trail (GRCDT) Metropolis, IL

• Prepare and submit a grant application for Transportation Enhancements for the project.

**Long Term Agenda**

Implement projects as they become funded  
 Wandering certain money for design, contract with design professionals  
 construction documents  
 Select Permit Managers  
 Select Construction Contractors  
 Monitor Construction  
 Prepare agreements to maintain facility



*Conceptual Linkages*

**Mid Term Agenda**

1. Construct a new single-lane boat ramp and parking area for 8-10 cars near the Dog Pound Site.

Estimated Cost: \$350,000  
 Funding Source: Department of Natural Resources (Boating Facilities)

**Needed Actions:**

- Contact the Department of Natural Resources for information on obtaining funding to construct a boat ramp. Once information is gathered, write and submit a grant for boat ramp funding.
- Simultaneously contact the Corps of Engineers to seek a permit to construct a boat ramp. The permit would address adding fill into the river and possibly some environmental concerns. Also check to see if the city would need a permit to build a new ramp near the existing Locks and Dams. Permit requirements may have changed since the existing boat ramp was built.
- Use the newly constructed boat ramp and parking lot at Ft. Massie State Park as a model for the Brookport project.

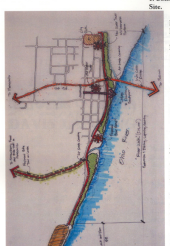
2. Begin Planning for River Walk Project

The River Walk is a paved 2 plus mile pedestrian/bike trail connecting the Brookport city park to the Locks and Dams #52 properties. The walkway would be landscaped, period lighting installed, seating provided, and overlooks constructed for river viewing, wildlife watching and photo opportunities. See photo rendering on facing page.

Three to four interpretive panels or kiosks would be strategically placed along the walkway. Interpretation could include Brookport local history talking about the series of town names, its role as a river port, a rail port, a civil war site, or a site of historical factories such as the tire or harness factories.

Mural could be painted on the riverbank of the wall depicting local and regional history. "City of Brookport" could be spelled out on the wall welcoming people as they came across the bridge from Kentucky.

Recommended areas for scrub tree or brush clearing for better vistas. Replant native vegetation and wildflowers.



*Map of Riverfront Plan*

## GRCDT, Metropolis, IL



## Pennsy Greenway, Lansing, IL



## Village of Lisle, IL



## Where to from here? Some final thoughts.

- Review program on-line
- Contact IDNR with questions
- Apply by deadline
- Consider atypical programs; use different programs for different phases
- Multi-government projects: good, but have a lead